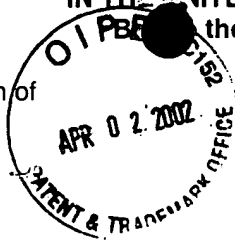


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

AFY 3644 \$



In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/582,760

Filed: June 30, 2000

Title: AIRCRAFT STRUCTURE FATIGUE
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rejecting claims 1-10 (\$ 320.00)

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☐ An appeal **BRIEF** is attached in triplicate in the pending appeal of the
above-identified application (\$ 320.00)

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☐ An **ORAL HEARING** is requested under Rule 194 (\$ 280.00)
(due within two months after Examiner's Answer)

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☐ Credit for fees paid in prior appeal without decision on merits

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☐ A reply brief is attached in triplicate under Rule 193(b)

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☐ Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months; \$1440.00/4 months)

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or
asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this
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